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Thanks

.. To Mike, Patrick Clinton for work on the sandpit last weekend .. to Kevin Cates for haulage .. and to those helping out this weekend.

.. Phil (the bus driver) for taking special care of a 6yr old who fell over just before he got on the bus.

Good Luck

.. To those students representing the Whangarei area in next Friday's Northland Cross Country Event.

People of the week

.. The following children who did stunningly well at the Whangarei Interschool Cross Country Event against a large and highly competitive field.

.. Mr Schuster who continues to work so hard in the run-up to our school production.

.. Laura for doing so well at Aims Games, which included 5th place in the 100 mtr Butterfly.

Tylar and Tayla for looking after Carpice so kindly. Noticed by a mum in the playground.

Coming up this term

21 September

Northland Cross Country

24 September

School Production week

26 September

Shake Out Day .. more to follow

28 September

Final day of term 3

Sandpit

Thank you again to those parents who have generously supported our sandpit project to this point .. we are getting closer to completion and it is looking even better than we expected. **This Sunday (16 September) we really do need all hands on deck for the spreading of metal and sand.** So .. please mark 16 September on your calendar. If all goes to plan the children can use the sandpit in the week following .. something they are very excited about.

Those helping are asked to please bring shovels, wheelbarrows and rakes for moving metal and sand. Thanks heaps.

Home Garden Programme

Expression of interest forms in the above programme were handed out last week. If your child did not receive one of these forms, and you would like them to be involved, please contact our school office on Monday.

Kevin is happy to answer any questions about this programme. We have extended the due date for these forms to Monday 17.



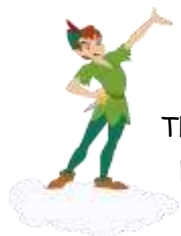
Overdue Library Books

If you received notice this week of an overdue library book please do a thorough search at home and send the book along to school next week. Any questions to Mrs Cates please.

Bandana Day

This week children received an invitation to participate in Bandana Week by buying a bandana for \$4-00 (assorted colours) or making a gold coin donation to wear an alternative bandana. Bandanas are on sale from the office from Monday. No pressure to participate. All proceeds to teen cancer .. one of the worthiest of causes.

Matarau 2012 Production



NEVER 2 LAND PRODUCTION

Monday 24th - Tuesday 25th September - Matarau School Hall

The Upper Middle and Senior School have been working hard in preparation for this year's performance. It is now time to secure your tickets for this fantastic show. Please purchase your tickets from the school office. Tickets will go on sale on Wednesday 5th September.

Ticket prices - Regular (5yrs & Up) - \$7 Child (Under 5) - Gold Coin Child on lap (under 2) - Free.
Showings - 7pm Monday 24th; Tuesday 25th 12.30pm; Tuesday 25th 7pm.

Operation Christmas Child

Some of you might know that an organisation called Samaritans Purse International Relief have a project where they ship toys and gifts to children in countries torn apart by war, famine, natural disasters or extreme poverty. A shoe box full of gifts (with maybe a wee message) can bring untold joy at Christmas to a child who has so little. You could include good quality items of clothing (e.g. t shirt, cap, beanie), something to cuddle (e.g. teddy bear, soft toy), something special (e.g. carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, necklaces, a personal note), something for school (e.g. exercise book, pencils, sharpener, eraser), something to play (tennis ball, skipping rope, yo-yo) with or items for personal hygiene (e.g. soap, toothbrush, comb, brush, hair clips).

If interested in taking part (no pressure) you could ..

.. drop items to your child's class and their class will make up the shoe boxes

.. OR collect a shoebox yourself from the office and fill it at home and return to school with \$9 for postage

.. OR you could just drop \$9 (or any amount) in to pay (help pay) for postage of someone else's shoebox

Remember these items need to be small enough to fit in part of a shoebox and need to be to us by 25 October. Shoeboxes and forms are available at the office from Monday or just drop suitable items to your child's class. Questions please to the office or to Tilda Jongkind on 4335581.

*(Sorry .. but for customs reasons we are unable to take items that leak or melt, food or lollies, **used or damaged items**, breakable items, knives war-related toys, anything of a religious, racial or political nature).*

Year 7 and 8 Trip to Abbey Caves

Takes place Wednesday 19 September. A reminder that children need to be at school no later than 8:30 AM and so please be sure to meet this deadline. Please re-check your clothing list and ensure all consents have been returned to school. Any questions in the run up to this event to Mr D or Mrs Donaldson please.

Road Safety

Please set aside some time this week to remind your children of the dangers of rural roads. The smaller the child, the narrower the road, the faster the cars, and the less visible their clothing, the greater the likelihood of a mishap. Please remind them to take care when walking near or crossing roads .. keeping as far to the side of the verge as possible and crossing at the safest point. Our zone has a number of chronic blind spots and so it is a really good idea to re-walk your child's customary journey with them to ensure maximum safety. And please dig out those high viz vests.

Enrolments 2013

Please note .. if there are students who will not be with us next year it would be helpful if the parents of these children could let us know next week so that we can make these places available for out of zone students.

Review of bus transport entitlement

There are still a few bus entitlement forms to come in. If you did not receive a form (or have misplaced this) please phone the school office on Monday. If we do not have a return for each child this will be interpreted as non-entitlement to use the bus which could translate to smaller buses and a reduction in routes.

IF YOU HAVE ENTITLEMENT PLEASE RETURN YOUR FORM EVEN IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT USE THE BUS. If we lose bus routes these will be harder to get back.

Thank you to those who have returned their forms - many of you have been very conscientious in measuring distances to school.

Northland Cross Country - Barge Park - 21 Sept (pp 28.9)

Takes place at Barge Park 21.9 - pp 28.9. We will ensure parents of qualifying children receive the necessary details as soon as we have these to hand.

Matarau Hockey - Sponsored by McQuinn Ground Spread

Well Done to the following players of the Day Saturday 25th August :



C Grade - Caitlyn & Tyla



D Grade - Amy



E Grade - Nicole

After School Care.

If needing ASC please contact Carol Welsh at home: 4335035 or Cell: 021 0817 9805

Calf Club - Thursday 18th October 2012

Reminder - you need to start thinking now if your child/ren want to rear calves and lambs. Calves and lambs must be born after 1st July 2012. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling.



If you would like your child to have a lamb to train & bring to calf club please contact the office for details on how to contact the farmer.

We have received some bottles of Agrisea - a seaweed concentrate for animal nutrition for calves and lambs - if you would like one for your animal please contact the office.

You can also bring a 'pet' which can include - goats (kids), cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, chicken etc. Note that NO DOGS or PUPPIES are permitted and the animal will need to be in a cage for the duration of the day.

A booklet will be handed out to children bringing a pet (not for lambs or calves) two weeks prior to the September holidays and needs to be completed and returned to school on the first Monday of term - 15th October. The booklet will be judged by independent judges.



There will be further updates closer to the end of term. To assist you with selection, care and training of your pet, please check out the following website www.calfclub.co.nz Calf and lamb rearing books are available from the office for those children unsure of what the judges look for on the day.

SOME MORE AIRLINE HUMOUR Qantas Airlines: Repair Division

After every flight, Qantas pilots fill out a form, called a "Gripe Sheet" which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems; document their repairs on the form, and then pilots review the Gripe Sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humour. Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by Qantas' pilots (marked with a P) and the solutions recorded (marked with an S) by maintenance engineers. By the way, Qantas is the only major airline that has never, ever, had an accident. WILL FEED YOU ONE A WEEK.

P: Aircraft handles funny

S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

And Finally

Over recent weeks children have been gearing up for our school production which will be performed in the final week of term. School productions provide opportunities to develop skills in new areas, to work as part of a team, to step outside of comfort zones and discover new talents, to solve practical and sometimes unanticipated problems, to apply skills learnt elsewhere in a context that is practical and authentic, to profile talents which often go unnoticed and to simply work harder and harder at what you do until you are the best you can be. School production is a time to create memorable school moments and to enjoy. Surely this is learning at its best. Can't wait!

Regards,
Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

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Message from Whangarei Group Calf Club

.. We will be holding a Judging/Training Day at Maungatapere School on Saturday 15th September from 10am-12pm. Anyone interested in learning/refreshing their judging/stewarding skills are encouraged to attend. Our very experienced judges will be taking the session on both calf and lamb judging. There will be animals present to view and then judge. Our aim is to encourage people to come along and support our exhibitors of the future. Anyone:- Students - Years 7 upwards, parents, teachers, grandparents, community members are invited to attend. We would like to see at least 2 people from all participating schools attend to support and ensure the future of the Agricultural days in our schools.

Any queries please don't hesitate to phone me on : 4377944 or 02102386518. Thanks Natalie Roberts

Community Notices

To Rent – New 3brm house, Ruatangata, Matarau School zone, \$320 per week. Ph Robyn 4335501.

House/pet sitter - Do you know of a trustworthy, reliable house-sitter? Recommendations wanted please. Urgently needed (for October). Ph 0274-352786.

Pig food wanted, anything considered. Will pick up windfall fruit etc off ground. Phone Kelly 433 5588.

Meadow Fresh Promotion – Collect yellow Cool Stuff for Kids stickers found on specially stickered Meadow fresh milk and yoghurt packs. Green forms to place stickers on sent home with this newsletter today, place your stickers on the form & return to school. Stickers must be at school by Friday 19th October.

For Sale - Border Collie pups, both female & male black & white available - \$300 each. Ready to go now. Call Mandy on 435 0559 or 021 101 8361

Whakapara Pony Club – Unmounted Enrolment Rally, Wed 12 September, 5.00-6.30pm at our grounds Park Road, Hikurangi. For further info contact Diana Lammers Ph 4338284 or 0274338287. Come along and find out what Pony Club has to offer.

Whangarei Coral Society – Northland Sinfonia performing “Last Knight” and the Proms, Christ Church, Kamo Road, Whangarei, 3.00pm, Saturday 22 September. Adults \$25, Seniors \$20 and Under 16 free.